

## Announcements To-Day.

**Albion's Park Theatre**—General, Matinee, Evening, Saturday Evening, Matinee, Booth's Theatre, Boston, Matinee.  
**Bowery's Museum**—Broadway and 9th St.  
**Boly's Theatre**—The Evening Review, Matinee, Evening, Saturday Evening, Matinee.  
**Globe Home Museum**—29th Street, Matinee, Evening, Saturday Evening, Matinee.  
**Bowery's Ninth Street Theatre**—All the Days, Matinee, Evening, Ninth Street, Evening, Matinee.  
**Madison Square Theatre**—General, Matinee, Evening, Saturday Evening, Matinee, and Matinee.

**Broadway's Bowery Theatre**—Evening, Matinee, Evening, Saturday Evening, Matinee.  
**Thalia Theatre**—Lyric, the Waterman, Matinee, Evening, Comedy-Satire, Saturday.  
**Tony Pastor's Theatre**—Evening.  
**Union Square Theatre**—The Lyceum, London, Matinee, Evening, Saturday Evening, Matinee.  
**Windmill Theatre**—The Mystery Spaniard, Matinee, Evening, Saturday Evening, Matinee.  
**World's Museum**—16th Street.

## The Porter Praise Meeting.

The following extraordinary invitation was published yesterday morning:

A meeting of the Bar is to be held in the General room, Supreme Court, County Court House, to-day, at half past three o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of a general meeting of all the members of the Bar, to be borne by our fellow member, the Hon. John K. Porten, in the trial of the assassin of the late President of the United States, resulting in a verdict which brings joy to the whole nation.

**ELLIOTT F. SHEARD**, **HENRY DAY**, **LUDWIG R. MARSH**, **CHARLES P. CROSBY**, **J. A. VANDERPOEL**.

Dated New York, Jan. 27, 1882.

If the first of these signatures had been the only one appended to this remarkable document, nobody would be particularly surprised; but that the other persons whose names follow have any lot or part in such an act of bad taste and unprofessional folly is amazing. We cannot understand how Mr. VANDERPOEL ever came to sign such a paper.

To account for a demonstration like that which was proposed by this invitation on any rational theory would be impossible. It has not even the excuse of precedent. The members of the Bar have never been in the habit of extolling through the medium of a public meeting every counsellor who has happened to do his duty ably in a case of more than ordinary importance. The practice would be excessively objectionable, for it would inevitably degenerate into a mere method of advertising the prudent and the praiseworthy. What should we think of a public meeting called by the physicians of New York or Philadelphia to "plunge the Government into expenditures," and "to prevent any reduction of the revenue," are all advocates of "a sound currency."

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deaf and dumb on Washington Heights, 481 were under instruction on the average. There are also five benevolent institutions incorporated by the State which look after these unfortunate, and in them the average number of inmates was 769. Most of them were crowded. For idiots the State has an asylum at Syracuse, and what is called a Custodial Branch at Newark, and in these the average number of inmates was 410.

The State reformatories are the House of Refuge on Randall's Island and the Western House of Refuge at Rochester. In the first the average number of inmates was 741, and in the second 574, a total of 1,315.

## The Responsibility of the Republicans.

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The Republican party is in possession of every branch of the Government—legislative, executive, and judicial. That party will be held responsible by the country for whatever policy may be carried out, and for the public expenditures.

The committees of the House of Representatives and of the Senate are in Republican hands. They shape the legislation. They propose the bills. They bring forward the proposed measures in their own form and at their own time. They act for the party, and are supposed to represent its best intelligence and its purposes.

In this condition of things, "the opponents of a sound currency" cannot "plunge the Government into expenditures" which may furnish a pretext for issuing more greenbacks, because they are powerless to do so, from being in a decided minority.

The real danger in regard to extravagance, jobbery, wild schemes of speculation, Ring projects, and the like, is from the professed friends of "a sound currency," who hold all the avenues of legislation, and seem bent on reviving the prodigality which made Grantism and its beneficiaries and advocates odious to the country.

The great majority of the Committees of Appropriations, of Naval Affairs, of Ways and Means, of Banking and Currency, of Commerce, of Pacific Railroads, of Indian Affairs, and the like, in which the bills must originate, and the like, are likely to stand and fight, and, indeed, are likely to do so, as the Constitution of 1787 shall last.

It was, however, pretty clearly the opinion of JEFFERSON, as it has been of nearly all his followers, that the absolute triumph of the Federalists would put a practical end to political parties. The leaders of the Federal party then openly avowed, as the leaders of the GRANT party have since done, although with more caution, their purpose to change the government, so as to make it "stronger" as against the common people. HAMILTON's demand for a "distinct and permanent share of authority" is to be given to wealth as such, was plainly referred to by the GRANT conspirators in the preliminaries to the Chicago Convention.

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**News from Our American Buddhist.**

We have tidings from our long absent friend, the erudite Hierophant ORCOTT. He is still engaged in propagating Buddhism in India, whither he went several years ago in search of a religion more satisfactory to his soul than the Christianity under which he was reared.

How far he has got in his quest, and what he has found, we learn from a pamphlet he sends us. It contains a lecture delivered by him last June at the Town Hall, Kandy, Ceylon—"On the Life of BUDDHA and His Lessons." On the title page of this pamphlet the Hierophant is described as "President of the Theosophical Society," whose headquarters have therefore been transferred from New York to Ceylon.

He begins his lecture with a discussion of "Euhemerization," as he calls it, "or the making of men into gods and gods into men." When a man "shows himself superior to the weakness of our common humanity," says the Hierophant, there is "an invincible tendency" among human beings to exalt him into a god. The religious history of the race proves this to the "thoughtful student," who finds many instances of such an apothecies. The man is made a god, and his earthly career, after the lapse of time, is "amplified and decorated with fanciful incidents." To give him a supernatural character, miracles are invented for him. He is lifted above the dominion of natural laws, and as years advanced, invested with more and more godlike qualities, and made capable of the exercise of greater and greater divine power. Translated to heaven, he becomes the Intercessor, and men bow down in prayer to him, begging that he will secure from God the pardon of their sins.

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In the past a great amount of jobbery has improved its opportunities in the building of our State Insane asylums. The money spent on them has been prodigiously used. The architecture of institutions which require no elegant ornamentation has been made showy and ambitious, even when approved conveniences and sanitary precautions have been neglected. Projects for new asylums have been started in the interest of contractors, and the prevalence of insanity has been greatly exaggerated to serve their purposes.

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In the Senate, the Democrats, tired by the long fight, are said to regard with more favor that at first the Republican plan to have the Lieutenant-Governor appoint the committee, although that would leave all the clerkships and the patronage in Republican hands. It will, however, make it unnecessary to have a President pro tempore, and so end the struggle.

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The heterodox Regents to treat of BUDDHA, to whom, inferentially, he gives the first place as a religious guide. But he offers nothing new regarding him and his teachings. The task he undertakes has been better performed by others, who have given us a clearer exposition of the fundamental principles of Buddhism. If he had in his audience met learned in the subject he discussed, they must have found his lecture too loose and general to command their respect. He must, however, have been pleased with it himself, and perhaps others were edified, or else the lecture would not have been printed in the pamphlet sent us by the Hierophant.

When complete comfort this American Buddhist has found in the religion to which he has been converted, and which he is now preaching, may be inferred from the following words, with which he concludes:

**GATES BIRCH'S SUN** has enabled the whole human race to be in constant contact with the thoughts and deeds in far away countries for every one of its numerous publications. Its increase during the year was 9,377 on the corresponding date of 1880, and 9,315 in 1879. Of the whole last year, 4,478 were males and 5,593 females. The increase during the year was 529 over 1879, or 5.7 per cent, as against 5,522, or 5.47 per cent, the increase of 1880. That is, with a State population, as given by the last census, of 5,082,882, the proportion of insane in the institutions was one to every 265 inhabitants.

The whole number of paupers provided for during the year was 1,568, against 1,434 in 1880. In the two institutions for the blind, the one in this city and the one at Batavia, the average number of pupils under instruction was 385 last year. In the institutions for the

and shows their worthlessness to wear his yellow robe or carry his/her bowl. There is the law—inimitable, menacing; it will find them out and punish."

But why is the American Buddhist, an exile from his native land, expending his eloquence in extolling and his zeal in propagating in far away India the religion he finds perfect? He is carrying coals to Newcastle. His mission savors of presumption, for, though a neophyte, a mere learner, he mounts the platform in Ceylon as the equal, if not the instructor, of the doctors of Buddhism in the native land of GAUTAMA BUDDHA. Even if he falls a martyr to the cause, and passes "unto Nirvana where the Silence lies," here in America is the fitting place for the labors of the Hierophant.

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